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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH MOBUTU

REFS:(A) KINSHASA 4760, (B) KINSHASA 4777, (C) TELECON
CUTLER/SWING 0400 MAY 15, (D) TELECON CUTLER/WALKER 1130
MAY 15

AGREE THAT WRITTEN MESSAGE TO MOBUTU SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT
THIS TIME. AT HIS REQUEST, AMBASSADOR KASONGO CALLED ON
UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM THIS AFTERNOON, AND AMBASSADOR NEWSOM
GAVE KASONGO THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES WHICH YOU SHOULD
REPEAT AT YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU (DETAILED
SUMMARY OF KASONGO/NEWSOM MEETING WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL):

-- YOU MAY ASSURE PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT THE SITUATION IN
SHABA AND OUR POSSIBLE RESPONSE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT
THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE USG; ONE MARK OF THIS CONCERN,
FOR EXAMPLE WAS THE PROMPT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-
AGENCY TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS OF COMMON
CONCERN,

-- THE US ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO ITS RE-
LATIONS WITH ZAIRE AND WE SHARE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S
CONCERNS ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INVASION INTO SHABA
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-- WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION ZAIRE'S REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE AND HOPE TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE IN TWO OR THREE
DAYS.

-- THE PRESIDENT IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
INVASION OF SHABA AND IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE SITUATION.

WITH RESPECT TO CONCERNS REGARDING USG STATEMENTS ABOUT
THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE GROUND OUTLINED REFTTEL B,
YOU MAY ASSURE HIM THAT ANY GUIDANCE WE PROVIDE TO THE PRESS
WILL MEET THESE CONCERNS. VANCE

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